

Fire/Burn Deaths

- Unintentional fire or burn deaths accounted for 150 fatalities in Connecticut between 2000 – 2004, for an average of 30 fire deaths per year. Nearly 80% of these deaths were due to uncontrolled fires in a building or other structure
- The cities and towns with the highest number of fire/burn deaths among residents were Hamden (9), Bridgeport (8), New Haven (7), Waterbury (7), Danbury (6), Norwich (6), Stamford (6), West Haven (6), Bristol (5) and West Hartford (5)
- Fire death rates followed a slight “roller-coaster” pattern over the lifespan, with the highest rates affecting the elderly, and the lowest rates occurring at the opposite end of the age spectrum, especially among the 10 – 24 year old age groups
- Males and females suffered the same number of fire deaths (75) during this five-year period, resulting in very similar death rates (0.9 per 100,000 population and 0.8 per 100,000 population for males and females, respectively)
- The death rates among Non-Hispanic Blacks (1.0) was 25% and 67% higher than for Non-Hispanic Whites (0.8) and Hispanics (0.6), respectively
- New London County exhibited the highest fire-related death rate (1.7 per 100,000 population), followed by Windham and New Haven Counties at 1.1 and 1.0 per 100,000, respectively. Litchfield County had the lowest fire-related death rate at 0.4
- Approximately 80% of fire/burn deaths were caused by uncontrolled fire in a building or other structure
- Thirty-five percent (53) of fire-related deaths were pronounced in the home, and 38% (57) in the hospital (26% inpatient; 12% emergency department), and nearly 13%(19) of fire fatalities were pronounced dead on arrival

Figure 25
Unintentional Fire/Burn* Deaths by Mechanism
Connecticut Residents, 2000 - 2004
 (n = 150; average = 30/year)

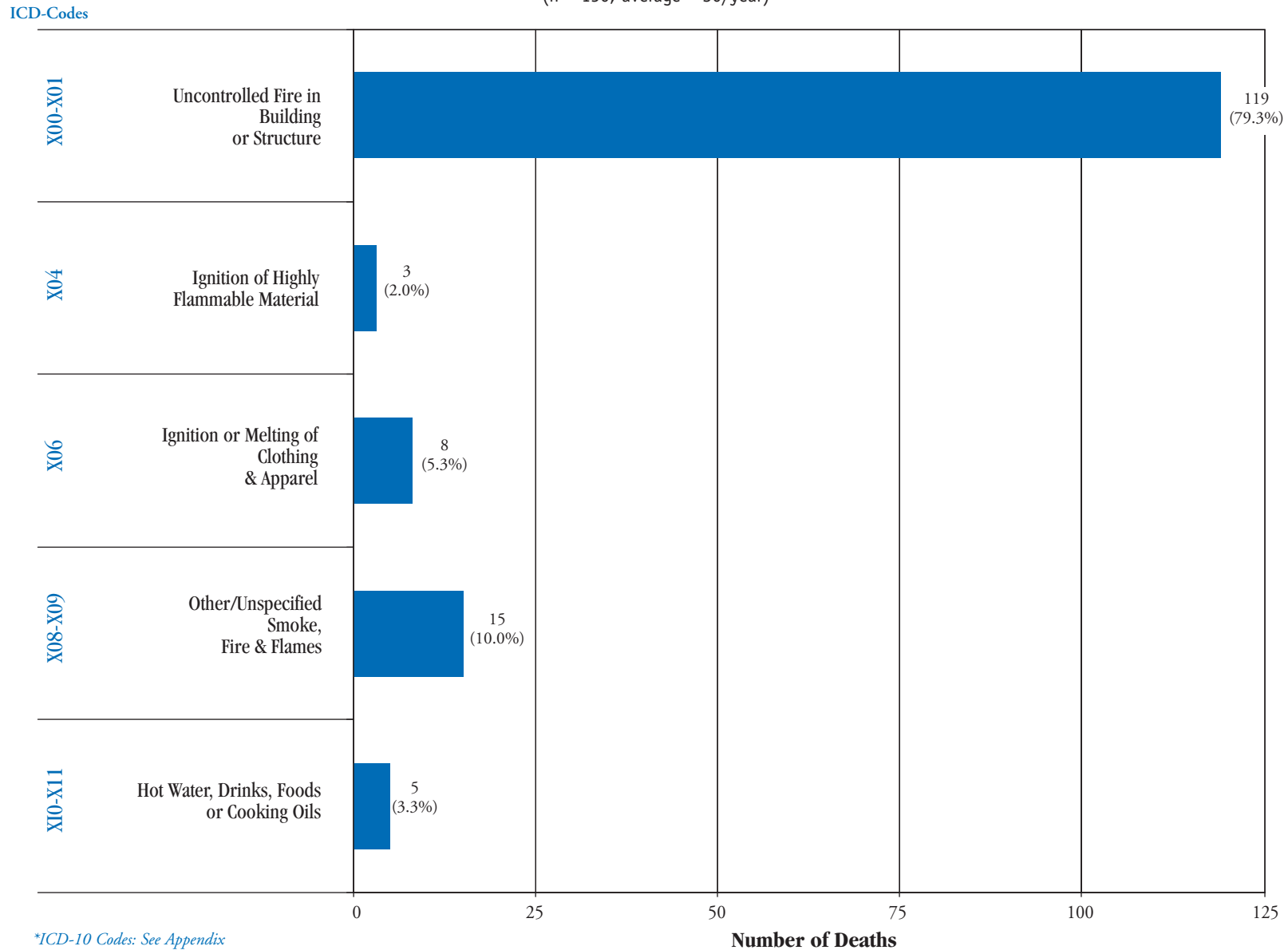


Figure 26
Fire/Burn Death Rates by Mechanism & Age
Connecticut Residents, 2000 - 2004
 (n = 150; average = 30/year)

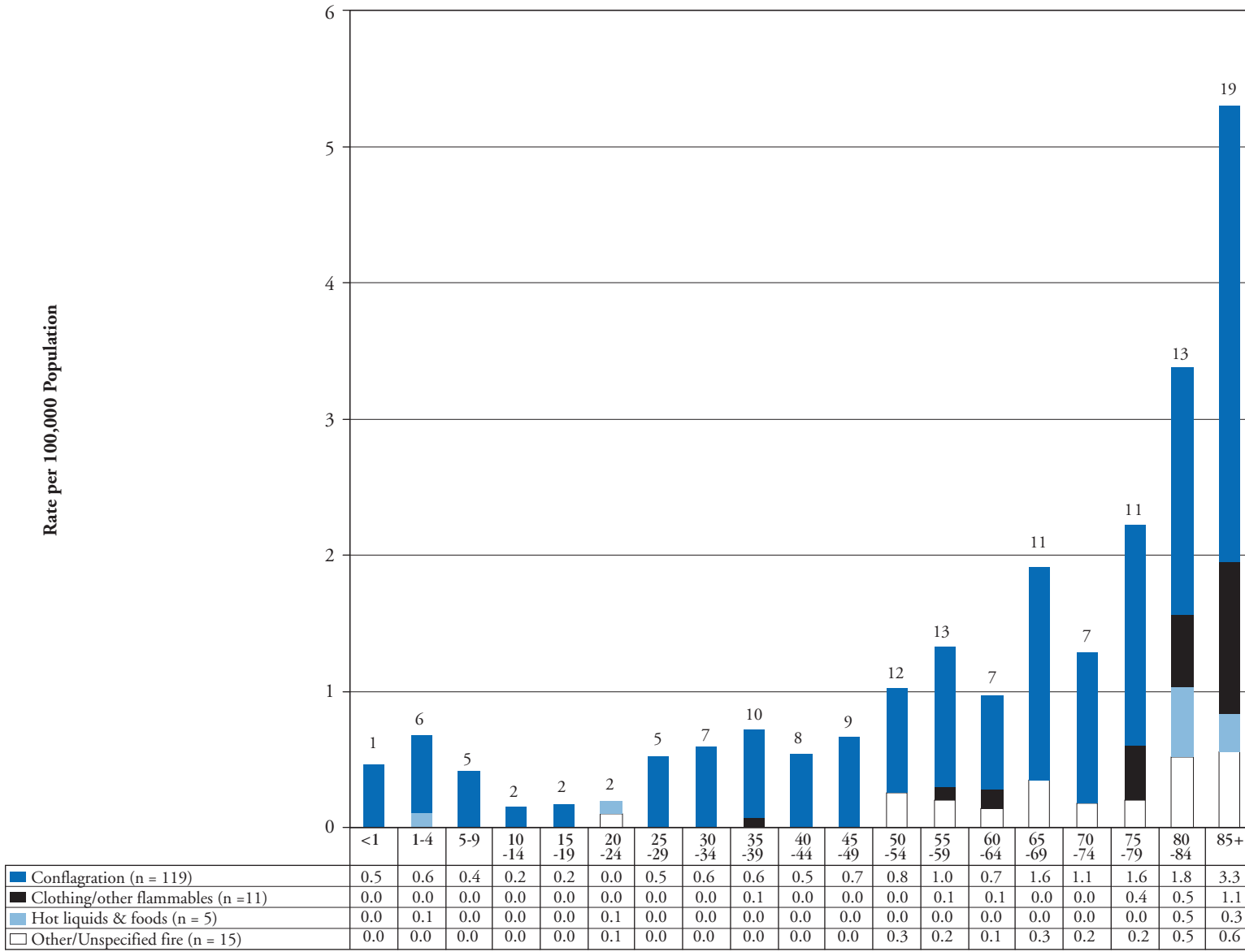


Figure 27
Fire/Burn Death Rates By Age & Sex
Connecticut Residents, 2000 - 2004
 (n = 150; average = 30/year)

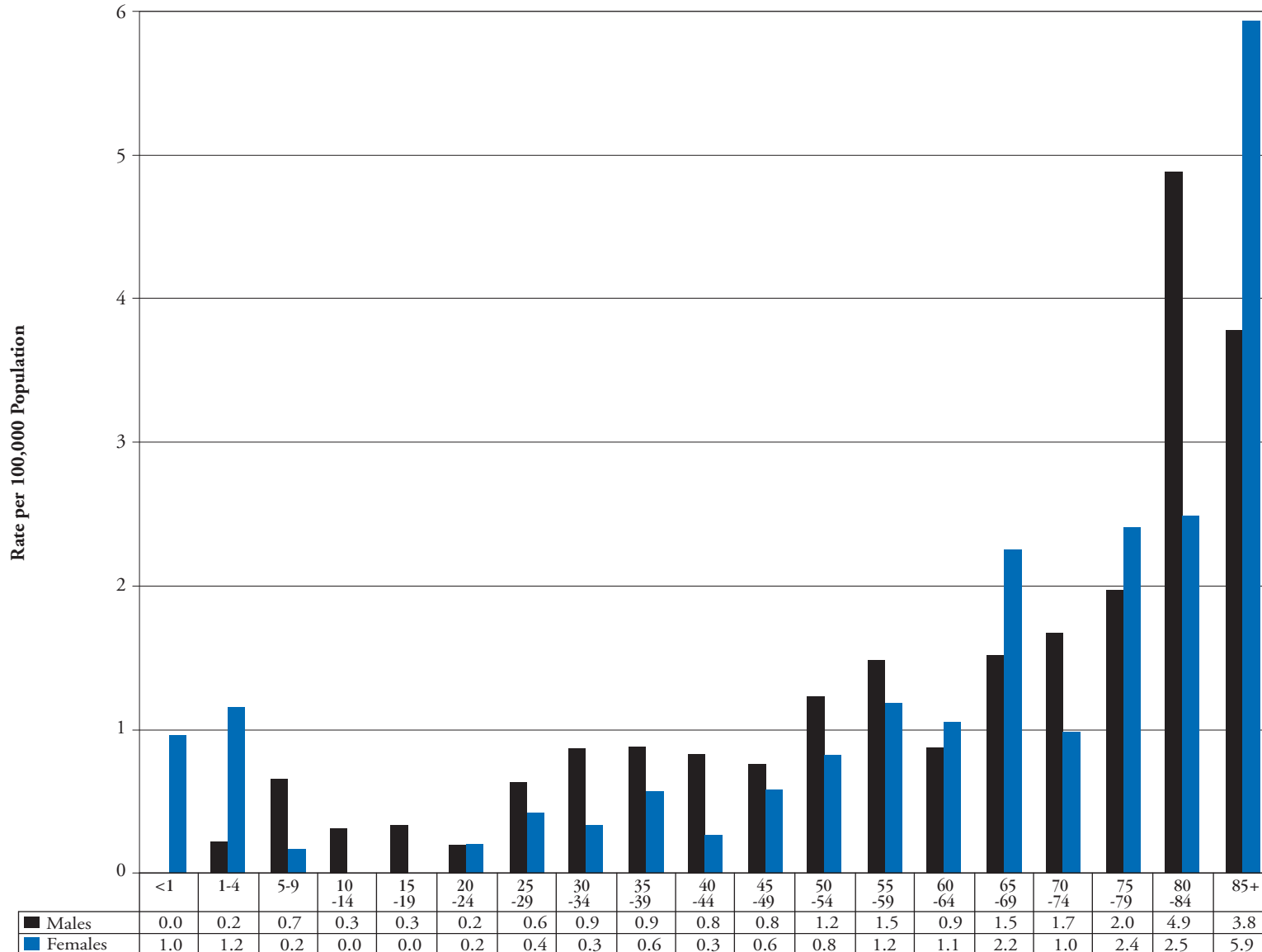


Figure 28
Fire/Burn Death Rates per 100,000 Population
by Sex, Race/Ethnicity & County of Residence
 Connecticut Residents, 2000 - 2004

